

## THE WIDE AWAKE CIRCLE

## BOYS' AND GIRLS' DEPARTMENT

**Rules for Young Writers.**

1. Write plainly on one side of the paper only, and use the left margin.
2. Use pen and ink, not pencil.
3. Short and pointed articles will be given preference. Do not use over 250 words.
4. Original stories or letters only will be used.
5. Write your name, age and address plainly at the bottom of the story.
6. Address all communications to Uncle Jed, Bulletin Office.

"Whatever you are—Be that!  
Whatever you say—Be true!  
Straightforwardly act,  
Be honest—in fact,  
Be nobody else but you."

## POETRY.

**Little Brother.**  
By Edwin Carlie Litsey.  
Your hands are soft, little brother,  
And they grasp the tender things;  
But the time will come, little brother,  
For cuts and burns and stings.

Your head is fair, little brother,  
Where the mother's kisses drop down;  
But in after years, little brother,  
You will know the thorny crown.

Your feet are pink, little brother,  
As you lie on your quilted bed;  
But anon they'll ache, little brother,  
As miles and toiles they tread.

Your eyes are clear, little brother,  
As a tree-enriched bay;  
But tears will blur, little brother,  
When you start on the long life-way.

Your heart is pure, little brother,  
As a well when the fountains drink;  
But life holds a Cup, little brother,  
And sorrow flows over the brink.

Your soul is white, little brother,  
As the Master-Soul is white;  
But sin lurks near, little brother,  
To foul with its deadly blight.

And I would not shield, little brother,  
For all of my love for you;  
For all the Maker's plan, little brother,  
To find if we're false or true.

The battle is yours, little brother,  
If you'll hold to the road that's straight;  
And the garden is yours, little brother,  
When you pass through the Golden Gate.

## LETTERS OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

**Alice Gorman, of Versailles.**—I received the pretty prize book entitled *Dearie, Dear and the Dog* which you sent me, and thought it was very nice. I have read it through and am very much pleased with it.

**Mildred Grandy, of Yantic.**—I received and have read the prize book you sent me, and thought it was very nice. The name of it was *Aunt Madge's Story*.

**Nathan Cook, of Ballouville.**—I received the prize book entitled *Dotty Temple at School*, which you sent me for it. I find it very interesting.

**Mary Rybic, of Mansfield.**—I thank you for the prize book.

**Rose Breckenridge, of Norwich.**—I thank you very much for the prize book. A sweet girl, I thank you very much for it. I have started to read it, and think I will like it very much. I read the one you gave me before, and enjoyed it very much.

**Harold E. Maynard, of Lyme.**—I thank you very much for the nice prize book you sent me named *The King's Daughter*. I enjoy reading it very much.

## Winners of Prize Books.

1. George Farrell, of Norwich—*Rip Van Winkle*.

2. Carl Kloss, of Taftville—*Black Beauty*.

3. Carrie A. Pratt, of Pomfret Center—*Her Father's Legacy*.

4. Alice Kramer, of Norwich—*Miss Thelma*.

5. Mary Bromley, of Stonington—*Little Grandfather*.

6. Veronica Rocheleau, of North Franklin—*A Girl from America*.

7. Ralph Wilcox, of Moosup—*The Little Lame Prince*.

8. Leah Siegel, of Norwich—*Daddy's Girl*.

**Harold Kramer, of Norwich.**—I thank you very much for my prize book. I have read a part of it and find it very interesting.

**Ellen Nielsen, of Lebanon.**—I thank you for the prize book you sent me. I like it very much. I will try to write more stories and win some more books.

**Winners of books living in the city may call for them at The Bulletin business office at any hour after 10 a. m. on Thursday.**

## Uncle Jed's Talk to Wide-Awakes.

Uncle Jed has letters inquiring why letters do not appear in the Wide-Awake department. There are various reasons which we shall give and then the writers may be able to think what to do.

When letters are written with pencil or ink they have to be rejected.

When the most important thing in a letter is the hope the writer will get a book the letter is not up to standard.

When the letter is written in English which has been written up by Wide-Awakes several times.

When the letter is copied word for word from some book or story paper.

When the letter is written in poor rhyme when it better be in passable prose.

When the letter is neither well written nor correctly spelled.

When the letter is written in too free a hand and too grammatically correct.

**Wonderful Cough Remedy.**  
Dr. King's New Discovery is known everywhere as the remedy which will surely stop a cough or cold. Dr. P. Lawson of Eldon, Tenn., writes: "Dr. King's New Discovery is the most wonderful cough, cold and throat and lung medicine I ever sold in my store. It can't be beat. It sells without any trouble at all. It needs no praise. This is true, because Dr. King's New Discovery will relieve the most obstinate of coughs and colds. Lungs troubled quickly helped by its use. You should keep a bottle in the house at all times for all members of the family 50c and \$1.00. All Druggists or, by mail, M. E. Bucklen & Co., Philadelphia or St. Louis."

rect for a child of the age appended to

When the letter is upon a holiday that is past—a story of a Thanksgiving party doesn't look well in print after Christmas.

When a letter is about home matters which would not look well in print.

When a letter contains names of friends who may not like to see their names in print without their permission.

When a letter is too short and has too little in it to be interesting.

When a letter is too long and takes up too much space.

You may find in these 12 reasons why your letter did not appear.

How long should a letter be to be acceptable?

A letter of less than 50 words would be too short, and a letter of over 400 words too long; and a story over 600 words longer than Uncle Jed cares for.

The principal thing is to have the letter plainly written, for a good story dimly written would be rejected by the printers. They have no time to bother with poor copy.

If the Wide-Awakes will heed the suggestions given in these 12 reasons why their letters do not appear in print they will be likely to write more acceptable letters.

All letters have to await their turn.

## STORIES WRITTEN BY WIDE-AWAKES.

## Billy's Visitor.

Billy, who had just learned to handle a gun, was invited to join his father's hunting party. The camp, a long bungalow, was situated among the Adirondacks.

Early one morning the men started out on a hunting trip. Billy was too young to go, so he was left at the camp. The day passed very slowly. Evening came and Billy was sitting in the living room reading a book. He was beginning to feel uneasy because the men did not return. Suddenly he heard a sound. He thought it was the men returning. He ran to the window, pulled aside the curtains, and there was a face peering in. Screaming, he dropped the curtains.

Then the men returned they found him cowering in a big chair. When he told them his story they examined the ground beneath the window and found that Billy's nightly visitor was only a deer.

ALICE M. GORMAN, Age 10.

## Etiquette for Boys.

Grandmothers are perhaps more critical than mothers about the little points of etiquette which distinguish the well bred from the poorly bred boy. It was one of these good old ladies who formulated the following rules:

"Boys, if you want to be known as little gentlemen, remember that the following things should be spoken to:

"Hat lifted when saying 'Goodbye,' or 'How do you do?'"

"Hat lifted when offering a seat in a car, acknowledging a favor, or 'Keep step with anyone you walk with.'"

"Always precede a lady up stairs and ask her if you may precede her in passing through in public places."

"If off at the moment you enter a street door, or step into a private hall or office."

"Let a lady pass first, always, unless she is in a hurry, when she may pass first."

"In the parlor stand until every lady is seated."

"Look people straight in the face when speaking or being spoken to."

"Let ladies pass through a door first standing aside for them."

"If you are dining, make your seat after ladies and all elders."

"Never play with knife, fork or spoon."

"Do not take your napkin in a bunch in your hand."

"Eat as fast, or as slow as the others, and finish the course when they do."

"Rise when ladies leave the room and stand still until they are out."

"Special rules for the mouth are: All noise, including long sniffs, should be avoided."

"Cover the mouth with hand or napkin when obliged to remove anything from it."

"Use your handkerchief unobtrusively always."

"Always knock at any private room door."

GEORGE FARRELL, Age 13.

## What the King Lacked.

There was once upon a time a king who was very rich and powerful. Now this king was also rather vain, and one day he said boastfully:

"Have I not all a king can want? I am rich, I have power, I have a wife who obeys me, I have a son to succeed me, a daughter to love me; my kingdom is the largest in the world; people bow down in homage before me, I am called a just king. Tell me, he who can, if there is anything a man could wish for that I have not got?"

And one among the company who was bolder than the rest spoke up and said:

"Yes, oh, king, there is one thing that you lack—the greatest thing of all, and it is the love of your subjects."

The king was very angry and dismissed the man who had spoken to him, and he said to himself: "I will never let a man speak to me again."

But that night the king could not sleep. Out of the darkness a voice came and said to him:

"The love of your subjects—the love of your subjects—the greatest thing of all—the love of your subjects!"

ly were getting into the carriage John could not be found. They looked in the stable; they searched promiscuously. No John could be found. The lady in the next house opened her window and said:

"I saw your little boy go down the street."

Mamma, brother, grandmother and servants ran to the street. He said: "John coming up the street. He said: 'John help mamma.'"

The lady had seen John put the bundle between the planks of the fence to which the box was fastened. He worked very hard to do this. This lady knew where John lived. When he had gone she went out and got the bundle. She met John's big brother and gave it to him.

John felt very sorry when he found he had not helped mamma, after all.

FRANK PARRY, Age 12.

## Norwich.

**Edith's Birthday Party.**  
Edith was feeling very excited, for today a long-remembered birthday, and her mother had her birthday party. She sent out invitations to twelve of her playmates, for she was twelve years old. The invitations read:

"Please come to my party on Wednesday afternoon at half-past two."

On that afternoon, disappointed by their, they played all the games they knew until they got tired, and then they washed their hands and went out to lunch. And what a lunch! In the middle of the table was a large pie with pasteboard crusts. Under the crusts were twelve ribbons, one leading to each plate.

When Edith took off the top crust that was present for everyone. That was the surprise.

Then came the real lunch, a large birthday cake with twelve candles, pie, fruit, cocoa, and, last of all, as much cream as everybody could eat.

When they had finished lunch they each gave Edith a nice present.

Then the boys came and every one of them said they had never been to such a nice party before.

ALLIE KRAMER, Age 11.

## Colchester.

## Unhappiness.

One pleasant day two little boys were playing on a large, open field. They were fastened to the shore by an old, rotten rope. These boys' names were Fritz and John. John was the elder. They were playing happily when all of a sudden the rope broke with a jerk, and the raft sailed swiftly down the stream. They enjoyed it at first, but after awhile Fritz, who was a thoughtful boy, realized the danger they were in. After a while John began to paddle the raft with his hands, and with a mischievous grin he said to Fritz: "You're a good swimmer, aren't you?"

Over and over the two boys fell into the deep water.

There was a house near, in front of which were some children playing, and they saw the boys when they fell. These children went and told the boys' parents. As soon as they heard the story they went and searched for them, but never found them. This brought a great grief to the folks, and the other children were never allowed to go near the pond.

EVA MINER, Age 12.

## Fitchville.

## The Monkey's Revenge.

Lady Ethel, when living in India had a small, long-haired terrier named Rags, who had a great dislike for the many monkeys that lived around the station. To show his dislike he barked at them every time he caught sight of any of them. This annoyed the monkeys a great deal.

One day when Lady Ethel was walking in the park, a long, brown, arm protruding from the bushes, and Rags was grasped by his long hair, and the poor dog was drawn quickly through the bushes.

Lady Ethel could do nothing to save her pet, and she had to see him pass from branch to branch while each monkey pulled at his hair. Finally the branch was reached over a deep valley, and the monkey dropped Rags into the depths below.

EDNA REIBETZ, Age 11.

## Whitman.

## Nell's First Cake.

"I want to make a cake," said Nell, one morning. "I want to make it by myself, only cook must show me how."

Cook laughed and said she would. When she was ready, Nell went down to the kitchen and Jack and Jill and Fido were all there.

Cook found a footstool for Nell to stand on, then she put some butter and sugar in a bowl and mixed it.

Nell stirred with a will and added flour and eggs and plums and apples, and the girls and boys and good cooks put in a cake. Presently cook went into the back kitchen.

"Until I come back then we will put it in a tin and bake it ready for tea," said Nell very busy indeed. Fido sat on the floor by the table and Jill on a chair close by and Jack sat on the floor near to his mistress's feet.

"You must all be good and wait," said Nell, "then I will give you each a slice for your tea."

Jack barked, and Fido came a little nearer.

"I must go and find cook," said Nell, presently. "I am sure this is mixed quite enough."

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the Alpine village gathered drive the goats of the village to the mountain slopes so they can get grass. He is alone with his goats all the long summer day.

The scenery is very beautiful and the mountain slopes are covered with flowers. As soon as the sun has set he begins to play on a rude flute to call the goats together to go back to the village. He wears a wreath of pink Alpine roses around his hat and sometimes around his shoulders, and he walks he sings a Swiss song which is echoed by the Alps.

Each goat has a little pen lined with leaves. The goats hardly ever get into the wrong pen, although there are a great many pens.

But the goat which would be very much grieved if he had to leave his home in the Alps—Unsigned.

## A Boat Race.

There it comes, at last—the flash of the starting gun. Long before the sound of the report can roll up the river the whole pent-up life and energy which has been held in leash, as it were, for the last six minutes, is loose and breaks away with a bound and a dash which he who has felt it will remember for life; but the like of which will he ever feel again?

But the crowd gathered would be very much grieved if he had to leave his home in the Alps—Unsigning.

For the first ten strokes Tom was in too great fear of making a mistake to feel, or hear, or see. His whole soul was glued to the back of the man he followed, his one thought to keep time, and get his strength into the stroke.

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